

**Present:** Mark Clinkenbeard, Mike Morris

**Others present:** Auditor Larry Hutchings, Chief Deputy Auditor Morgan Elkins, Bob Rhodes, Josie Thompson, Tona Bean, Elizabeth Meny, Sara Holbert, Chelsey Gindhart, Macy Evans, Kevin Gardner, Norm Loudermilk, Chrissy Patterson, Larry Robbins, Terry Bays, Bruce Allen, Jordynne Shelton, Kara Wright, Brian DeHart, Adam Grossman, Chris Eldredge, Diana Smith, Loretta Nicoson, Mandy Bales, Joni Wise, Tammy York-Allen, two members of the Tax Payers Association, 3 members of the public, WTHI-TV.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mark Clinkenbeard called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

**Review of minutes/claims.** Auditor Larry Hutchings presented the Board with the minutes for the meeting from March 11th for approval. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as presented. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 2-0 the motion was passed.

The minutes from the Commissioner' Rezoning Meeting from March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were then presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. With a voice vote of 2-0 the motion was passed.

Mr. Hutchings then presented the Board with the payroll docket for the period of March 7, 2025 through March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$1,397,682.56. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the payroll docket dated March 7, 2025 through March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$1,397,682.56. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. Upon voice vote of 2-0, the motion was passed.

The Claims docket for the period of March 7, 2025 through March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$951,125.54 was then presented to the Board. Mike Morris made a motion to approve the claims docket dated March 7, 2025 through March 14, 2025 in the amount of \$951,125.54. Mark Clinkenbeard seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 2-0, the motion passed.

#### **Contract for Surveyor's Services (Name Change)**

Vigo County Surveyor Bruce Allen took the podium with a request for an approval of a contract for Surveyor services. He explained this contract was the exact same contract they've used for years, but Fishbeck had bought the previous company Align. Mark Clinkenbeard made a motion to approve the contract. Mike Morris seconded the motion. With a vocal vote of 2-0, the motion passed.

#### **Otter Creek School Demo Bids**

Building Commissioner Terry Bays approached the Board about the demolition of the old Otter Creek School. He said they had completed a hearing for the demolition the previous Tuesday and they are just waiting on approval of the money for the demolition. He said they have received two bids from contractors for the demolition. Terry said any historical markers any organization would like to keep, he would make

that happen. Mark Clinkenbeard noted the old building was a public safety hazard. He said he structure is unsafe to physically explore. Terry said the bids collected were for demolition and trucking and they would take care of landfill costs themselves. He said they had been in contact with IDEM and after the structure went down they would be in contact with abatement contractors. Mike Morris said they would take the bids opened today under advisement and vote next week. Auditor Larry Hutchings opened two bids for the project and the following bids were received:

JCB Excavating LLC for \$84,900

S&G Excavating Inc. for \$75,000

Mark Clinkenbeard said these bids were lower than what he anticipated.

### **911 Presentation**

Macy Evans approached the Board to give an update on Vigo County 911. She said 2023 Central Dispatch took 60,815 9-1-1 emergency calls and 78,536 business/admin line calls. She said in 2024 central dispatch took 71,393 9-1-1 emergency calls and 101,398 business/admin line calls. She noted all of these calls were answered by 21 dispatchers. Central dispatch is responsible for all 9-1-1 calls, admin lines that come through THPD, VSCO, and WTHPD. Macy said they dispatch for 4 police agencies, Terre Haute Fire Department, and 10 volunteer/county fire departments. She said during large events and mutual aid events they coordinate with 12 additional counties. She noted the department is not at full staff so often there are three people in the room answering phones and running the computers. She explained dispatchers are required to keep up several certifications on top of their daily duties. All certifications need to be renewed either 1 to 2 years. She says the dispatchers are prepared with instructions on almost any emergency. She went through duties a dispatcher would perform during a typical 8 hour shift. She said dispatchers would be assigned one of four radios – THPD, VCSO, FIRE, Firegrounds – and the selected radio would be run by the same dispatcher for the entire 8 hour shift. She said the dispatcher simultaneously would be responsible for entering all warrants into the national database, answering emails from various agencies of the county and city, continuing education for certifications, keeping track of all units for their assigned radios, and dispatching units. Macy noted dispatch is a “catch-all” for citizens and officers. Macy said they answer calls from those who do not know which agency can help them. Officers out in the field rely on dispatch to give them information for driver’s license returns, wanted person inquires, information on prior calls for service and more. She said RapidSOS is a fairly new program that securely links life-saving data from connected devices, apps and sensors directly to RapidSOS safety agents, 911, and field responders globally. RapidSOS works with almost all phones. She said it is a common misconception that 9-1-1 knows exactly where the caller is when calling 9-1-1. Macy said the department has text-to-9-1-1 which helps significantly in certain situations and can help with language barriers as well. Mark Clinkenbeard said he noticed the calls were increasing each year. Macy said ever since the COVID-19 pandemic calls had been increasing rapidly. She said dispatch had become a catch-all for questions. Macy said 2025 has continued to trend upward with call volume, especially the weather continues to warm-up. Mike Morris asked what Macy would do to advocate for someone to become a dispatcher. She said to come in with an open mind. There was a brief discussion on the benefits of utilizing RapidSOS.

### **Treasurer Presentation**

Vigo County Treasurer Josie Thompson took the podium to provide an update on the Treasurer's Office. She said the office is preparing for the spring tax collection. Josie said they recently changed the online payment provider from InvoiceCloud to Catalis. She said there was issues with InvoiceCloud about conveyance and they were not able to meet their qualifications on conveyance. She said taxpayers would likely be happier with Catalis because processing fees would be lower. The lower fees were briefly explained. She said the features were largely the same as InvoiceCloud. She said registration would be needed for the new provider or they could pay as a quest. Josie said tax statements would be mailed April 8<sup>th</sup> and they will go live with Catalis the same day. Chief Deputy Treasurer Tona Bean explained the two tax collection periods. She said there are other methods to collect if rules are not followed including wage garnishments. She said there was a program to intercept delinquent taxpayer's state tax refunds. She also said the office utilizes a collection agency when needed. The tax certificate sale was outlined. Mark Clinkenbeard noted the tax certificate sale was April 1<sup>st</sup>. The innkeeper's tax was briefly discussed. The office makes sure taxes are current before allowing the approval of permits. Mark Clinkenbeard asked how much the county collected from the innkeeper's tax. Tona estimated around \$2 million. Josie said delinquent taxpayers can sign up for a payment plan to get their property out of the tax sale. Mike Morris expressed gratitude for the offices work.


### **Public Comments**


Chere Creasey said she lived on S. DuPont Place and said her neighborhood has been getting worse. She said these are big issues and was instructed to go before the Board. She said neighbors are keeping pigs. She also said there was an abandoned home with dogs living inside, and a burnt home a few homes down. She provided the commissioners with pictures and information.

### **Comments or other business from Commissioners or other Elected Officials.**


There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

  
Mark Clinkenbeard

Chris Switzer  
  
Mike Morris

Attest:

  
Larry T. Hutchings II, Auditor